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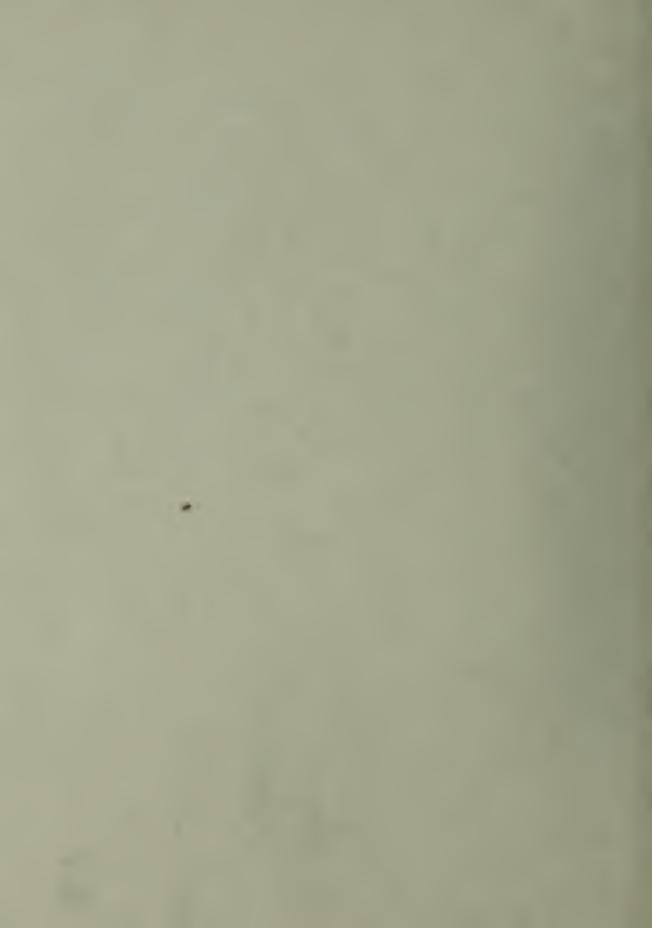
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector for 1967



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To the Chairman and Members of the Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1967. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of Public Health in the District remains satisfactory as in previous year.

There were 46 cases of infectious diseases notified, which includes 32 cases of measles.

The birth rate as 15.4 is higher than last year and the death rate is slightly lower at 10.1. The number of infants dying under one year of age is 5, out of a total of 123 live births. There has been an increase in the number of persons dying of Cancer, but a decrease in those dying from Cerebral Haemorrhage. Deaths from Lung Cancer remain at about the same as last year, that is, eleven in number. There was one death due to Tuberculosis.

The number of children attending the County Clinics for immunisation has remained satisfactory. 159 primary injections against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough were given and 205 booster or re-inforcing injections administered. In addition 294 children received protection against Poliomyelitis, and 102 children were vaccinated against Small-pox.

The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity, with occasional complaints of sediment and discolouration appearing in mains tap water in some houses, due to statis in certain mains most remote from the source of supply at Dedham. It is hoped that the new 21" trunk main from Horsley Cross will alleviate this. A total of 224.464 million gallons were supplied to the District in the period

under review, an increase of about 11 million gallons above last year's figure. Details of bacteriological and chemical analyses of the supply are given elsewhere in the report.

The Public Health Department's work continues to expand as in recent previous years, but increasing duties in connexion with allocation and administration of Council houses does entail loss of time to public health routine.

Progress continues, if slowly, with the new sewerage system at Walton-on-the-Naze, and a new system at Great Holland has reached design stage. To be included in this scheme is a part of Kirby-le-Soken.

The Elderly Persons Home consisting of a block of flats known as Spendells House has been completed and forms a valuable addition to this type of accommodation, which is so urgently required in the District.

The urgency of acquiring additional land for refuse disposal is now well recognised by all concerned and efforts are now being made to this end as the life of the existing site is short lived. The possibility of alternative methods other than tipping may have to be considered by combining the efforts of all local districts in the not too distant future.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year, and to the Staff of the Public Health Department my thanks for their excellent work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of . Area in acres . Population:	Frinton	and Walton 6,293
1961 Census .	••	9,571
1967 Registrar General'	s Estimate	11,620
Density of estimated population		1.84
D 12	•	€ 607,121
Sum represented by a penny rate		€ 2,325
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)	mate)	5,404
	••	123
Birth rate (crude) (per 1,000 h	ome population)	10.6
	• •	15.4
Birth rate (England and Wales) .	• •	17.2
9	• •	12
	• •	-
	• •	
Still birth rate (England and Wai	les)	14.8
Total deaths	• •	217
Death rate (crude) (per 1,000 hor		18.7
Death rate (corrected) .		10.1
Death rate (England and Wales) .		11.2
Death of infants under 1 year of		5
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000		41.0
Infant mortality rate (England and		18.3
Infant mortality rate - leg	itimate	41.0
Infant mortality rate - ill		-
Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths		
	1,000 live births	
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (
	O live births)	16.2
Peri-natal mortality rate (Still		
	per 1,000 total b	Trus) 10.2
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 ye Maternal deaths (included abortion		-
Cancer .	on)	51
Deaths due to cancer of lung .	o •	11
Tuberculosis .	• •	1
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	_

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1967

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	61	50	111
Illegitimate	7	5	12
	68	55	123

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1967

Under 4 weeks	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	3
l and under 5 years	1
5 and under 15 years	west
15 and under 25 years	
25 and under 35 years	40.00
35 and under 45 years	1
45 and under 55 years	7
55 and under 65 years	28
65 and under 75 years	67
75 and upwards	108
	217

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1967 (R. G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1		1
Cancer	27	24	51
Diabetes		1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	14	30
Coronary disease, angina	29	16	45
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	15	21	36
Other circulatory disease	3	6	9
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	12	2	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1		1.
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	3	3 2 8
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	6	
All other accidents	2	1	-3
Suicide	1	2	3
	117	100	217

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough	32 3 11	- - -	
	46	_	-

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1967

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
QUADRILIN (DTPP)	1964-67	7	-
TRIPLE (DPT)	1964-67 1960-63 Others under 16 years	145 1	94 30 4
DIP/TET	1964-67 1960-63 Others under 16 years	2 - -	2 53 19
DIPHTHERIA	1960-63	***	1
TETANUS	1960-63 Others under 16 years	1 5	1 1
POLIOMYELITI	S 1964-67 1960-63 Others under 16 years	137 5 3	14 118 17
SMALLPOX VAC	CINATION	Primary	Re-vaccination
	Age 0 - 5 years 5 -15 years 15 and over	79 6 -	2 9 6

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one case of Tuberculosis notified, and one death occurred during the year 1967:--

Motifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1964:-

Year	New Cases	Deaths
1964	2	•••
1965	2	
1966	1	1
1967	1	1

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1967:-

Respiratory Male Respiratory Female	23 9	Non-Respiratory Male Non-Respiratory Female	garin man
	32		-

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

No food poisoning outbreaks were reported in the Urban District during 1967.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No formal action under the above Acts was required during 1967. Informally, the provision of beds in hospitals was expedited in respect of two aged persons, and domestic assistance arranged for three elderly persons living alone who were found to need help.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a)	WATER	Bacteriological Satisfactory	Examination Unsatisfactory
(a)	Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company' Supply	20	1
	Kirby-le-Soken	4	-
(b)	ICE-CREAM		
	Ministry of H	ealth - Provision	al Grading
	Grade	I. Grade III.	Grade IV.
	Ice-cream 4	1	1
(c)	BATHING POOL WATER		Here the Constant
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
	Samples	27	-
(d)	FOOD		
		Bacteriological Satisfactory	Examination Unsatisfactory
	Beef Sausages Beef Mince Skinless Sausages Pork Sausage Meat Pork Sausages Pork Pies Meat Pie Bacon Evaporated Milk Bread Fruit Pie Cockles	6 2 6 1 6 4 1 - 1 -	- - - - - - 2 - 3 1

Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

Whelks	1	1
Synthetic Cream	2	410
Synthetic Cream Cakes	6	_
Sugar, Icing	1	
Custard Confectionery	2	_

Complaints - Food Specimens examined by Public Analyst - Action by Council under Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

- 1. Bread. Complaint of dead insect in bread substance of pre-packed loaf. Insect identified as a moth.

 Legal Proceedings taken by Council against Suppliers/
 Retailers, fine of £10 imposed.
- 2. Bacon. Complaint of offensive smell from Bacon, when vacuum pack opened. Putrefaction confirmed. Legal Proceedings taken by Council against Retailers.

 Warranty defence failed. Retailers fined £10.
- 3. Pork Pies. Complaint of discoloured spots in pre-packed pork pies. Mould confirmed. Legal Proceedings taken against Retailers, who were fined £20.
- 4. Bacon. Complaint of insects in freshly cut Bacon. Flies and fly larvae confirmed. Legal Proceedings taken. Case dismissed by Magistrates on grounds of insufficient evidence.
- 5. Sausages. Complaint of discoloured spot in substance of one of a half-pound pack of skinless sausages. Mould suspected, but not confirmed. No action.
- 6. Milk Complaint of suspicious condition of tin of Evaporated Nilk. Milk found to be satisfactory. No action.
- 7. Fruit Pie. Complaint of large patch of mould on top crust of a pre-packed Fruit Pie. Mould confirmed on top and underside of crust. Pie "out-of-date" when sold. Legal Proceedings taken against Retailers who pleaded guilty. Fine of £15 imposed.
- 8. Bread. Complaint of discoloured spots on bread slices of a pre-packed loaf. Mould identified. Warning letter to Retailers.
- 9. Bread. Complaint of grey coloured discolouration and impregnation of slices of a pre-packed loaf of bread. Identified as minute globules of oil or fat, other than mineral or lubricating oil. Warning letter sent to Manufacturers/Retailers.

SEA WATER

A sample of water, obtained from a large area of discoloured sea water inshore near The Pier at Walton-on-the Naze, was subjected to Laboratory investigations in June. The discolouration was found to be suspended matter consisting substantially of fruit pulp, which contained no evidence of harmful or poisonous constituents. The discolouration of the water was dispersed naturally within about 48 hours.

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Urban District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, with some assistance from the Company's subsidiary sources at Lawford and Stratford St. Mary.

The quantity of water supplied to the Frinton and Walton district in the 12 months ended 31st. December, 1967 amounted to 224.464 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.615 million gallons, with a peak of 0.870 million gallons per day.

The total quantity taken for domestic purposes during the year was 188.025 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.515 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 36.439 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.100 million gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made in the year to the Company's mains in the Urban District, amounted to 266.

Approximately 1,163 yards of new mains of 3", 4", 6" and 9" diameter have been laid in the Frinton and Walton district during the year.

The water supply to the whole of the area has been improved by the bringing into service of a new 21" trunk main from Horsley Cross, which connects into the existing trunk mains at Betty Dent's Corner and Thorpe Lodge.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company Dedham Works - Water Analyses Chemical Results in Parts per Million

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			±201	
		Maxim	num	Minimum
Ca	s Chlorid tal rbonate	95 e 15 33 28	50 58 30 30	Nil 7•4 840 112 270 255
No Nitrate Nitrogen Ammonical Nitrogen Albuminoid Nitroge Metals (Iron) Turbidity Odour Free Carbon Dioxid Total Solids Alkalinity as Calc Nitrite Nitrogen Oxygen absorbed Residual chlorime	n e	0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 2. 6. 2. 1. 2. 6. 2. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	23 40 30	10 0.0 0.0 0.00 0.10 Nil Nil 11 525 255 Absent 0.00 Nil
	BACTERIO	LOGICAL RESU	ILTS	
		l day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies	developi	ng		
on Agar	Minimum Maximum	O per ml. O per ml.	O per ml. O per ml.	O per ml. 2 per ml.
		Present in	Absent from	Probable Number

- ml.

- ml.

-- ml.

100 ml.

100 ml.

100 ml.

O per ml.

O per ml.

Presumptive Coliaerogenes

Bact. coli (Type 1)

Cl. welchii Reaction

Reaction

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

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The Kirby-le-Soken water supply, particulars of which are contained in previous Reports, continues to provide water satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

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Domestic well water supplies, few in number, were kept under observation throughout the year.

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The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public mains is:-

		Houses	Population (est.)
a)	Direct to houses	5,329	11,400
b)	Standpipes	75	220

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1967:Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,410
Other Inspections	1,968
Informal Notices served, written and verbal	119
Informal Notices complied with, including Notices	
outstanding at 31st December, 1966	131

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs repaired	5
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	5
Walls damp-proofed	5
Floors repaired	2
Sub-floor ventilation provided or improved	2
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	19
Doors renewed or repaired	6
Windows repaired	8
Windows provided	4
Rooms cleansed and decorated	11
Plumbing repairs	14

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired or improved	18
Drainage systems unblocked and cleansed	37
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	195
Cesspits repaired	3
Cesspits abolished	2
Properties re-drained to sewers	2

REFUSE RECEPTACLES

Defective	refuse r	eceptacles	renewed	31
Paper Sack	holders	provided,	new dwellings	200

NUISANCES

Insect nuisances abated	62
Rooms fumigated	7
Rubbish accumulations removed	73
Offensive accumulations removed	3
Smoke nuisances abated	3
Derelict cars removed for disposal	9

FOOD PREMISES

	Kitchens enlarged and modernized Wall, ceiling and floor improvements Rooms redecorated Room lighting improved Ventilation otherwise improved	29 29 3
	New sinks provided Modern food equipment provided Walls tiled First-Aid Kits provided	3 3 15 3 4
	Staff sanitary accommodation improved Miscellaneous improvements	13
OFFICES AI	ND SHOPS	
	Temperature: provision of gas, electric and oil-heaters	26
	Ventilation: provision of windows made to open, additional windows, vents, louvres and fans	8
	Lighting: provision of new and improved artificial lighting, additional window area	. 5
	Sanitary conveniences: improved lighting, ventilation, drainage, fittings, and provision of additional W.C's	14
	Washing facilities: additional and replacement basins, provision of hot water supplies,	
	improved lighting, decorations Staircases: provision of hand rails, repairs to treads, improved natural and artificial	7
	lighting Machinery: guarding of food slicers, chippers,	5
	guillotines, mixers and other dangerous equipment Miscellaneous; provision of drinking water,	6
	first-aid kits, clothing accommodation, seats and posting of Abstract of Act	27
PREVENTION	OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949	
	Visits by Rodent Operator, est. Houses inspected Houses treated	190 940 382 190 196 26

Sewer maintenance treatments Other Council Undertakings treated	3 15
VERMIN, MOTH ETC.	
Rooms and contents fumigated Articles steam-disinfected	4 3 lots

CLOSETS

W.C. accommodation cleansed and decorated	5
W.C. accommodation repaired and improved New sanitary fittings provided	16
Caravan Site, additional toilet block and	10
ablution facilities provided	1
Caravan Sites, miscellaneous improvements	9
Other improvements	17

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

The planned improvement to Kirby Sewage Works, the effluent from which discharges into Kirby Stream, was not commenced during the year as had been anticipated. Consequently, no improvement can be reported in the condition of the Stream.

HOUSEBOATS

The position at the end of the year was that two houseboats had been abandoned for breaking up, and one vessel had removed permanently from Walton-on-the-Naze. These houseboats will not be replaced, and there will be a gradual run-down of the remaining ten houseboats pending final clearance by September, 1971, of all vessels in Walton-on-the Naze.

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

No action was required in the treatment of mosquito breeding areas.

PESTS ACT, 1954

Rabbit control of land owned by the Council was undertaken by the North-East Essex Rabbit Clearance Society, of which the Council is a Member.

PORT SANITATION

No action was necessary under the Port Sanitation Regulations.

CARAVAN SITES

Modern sanitation and mains water are provided at 7 caravan sites, which in general are considered to be well managed. All are seasonal sites licensed to operate between 15th. March and 15th October. There are no residential caravan sites in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Premises registered at end of year:

Offices	34)	employing 376
Shops	98)	female and 232
Catering Establishments	13)	male persons.

65

Advisory visits to promises, including investigations of accidents and inspections re improvement works

General inspections for recording detailed information ... 15

No premises have to-date been exempted from any of the provisions of the Act.

Owners and occupiers of premises have been found in general to be co-operative in facilitating inspections, and endeavouring to meet the requirements of the Act. In liaison with the Surveyor's Department, plans of all new shops and offices are examined to ensure that the Act is complied with.

Improvements carried out during 1967 are listed on Page 14.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work was continued on the construction of new Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Station at Walton-on-the-Naze, and a commencement made in the provision of new foul and surface water sewers in the Triangle area.

The design of the scheme for the provision of new sewerage in Great Holland, and Pumping stations with rising mains at Frinton-on-Sea and Kirby-le-Soken, is nearing completion. The provision of sewerage in the Vista Avenue area of Kirby-le-Soken will form part of this scheme.

BATHING POOL

No difficulties arose with a privately owned bathing pool located on the Martello Caravan Site in Walton-on-the-Naze. The 80,000 gallons capacity pool is serviced by mains water which is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated, and throughout the season of 1967 the bacteriological condition of the water was found to be satisfactory by the Laboratory.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The provision on the promenade at The Leas of an additional public convenience for both sexes, has been approved and it is intended that the building should be completed and operational by the summer season of 1968. This will increase to 16 the number of conveniences requiring regular and adequate servicing and maintenance and, in this connection there is concern having regard to difficulties experienced - which have persisted for several years - in the recruitment of both male and female seasonal cleaning staff. Enhanced wage rates have failed to improve recruitment, and it is obvious that few people are interested in this type of employment. The position is viewed with apprehension.

HOUSING

UNFIT HOUSES

The clearance of unfit and other houses in North Street, Walton-on-the-Naze was continued, and at the end of 1967 the position was that 6 houses had been demolished, 9 houses purchased by the Council and closed pending demolition, 2 houses purchased and let temporarily until demolition is possible, and negotiations were in progress for the acquisition and clearance of a number of other houses. In addition, 2 houses in the same area have been demolished under Demolition Orders.

In Great Holland, 2 unfit houses were demolished by owners in the implementation of Demolition Orders.

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HOUSE INSPECTION

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing and Public Health Acts 121

HOUSING ACTS

Number of houses demolished 8
Unfit houses purchased by Council and closed 7
Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers 37

REPAIRS

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal Action under the Housing and Public Health Acts

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Financial grants made available to owners for carrying out approved improvement/conversion work to older type houses, included -

Discretionary Grants 3 Standard Grants 13

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1967

	Commenced.	Completed.
By the Council	-	96
By Private Enterprise	162	204

COUNCIL HOUSING SITES

The completion in June, 1967 of a further 96 units of housing accommodation for both young and old in Walton-on-the-Waze, gave considerable satisfaction to the Council. The type and arrangement of the dwelling units, the facilities provided and the attractive layout of the scheme reflect credit on all concerned in the development, which was undertaken by Messrs. George Wimpey & Co. Ltd., and officially handed over to the Council at a ceremony on 3rd July.

Included in the development is provision for housing elderly persons in a specially designed, centrally-heated block of flats - known as Spendells House - in independent bed-sitting room flatlets and one-bedroom flats. Each flat is connected by an emergency bell-call system with a resident Warden who is available to assist when required, and a lounge, television room, kitchen and laundry, all furnished and equipped, are provided for communal use by all flat residents. A guest room is provided in which relatives

of residents can be accommodated for short periods.

The appended table shews the number and disposition of all Council dwellings at the end of 1967.

		ses 2B.R.		ottes. 2B.R.	Bunga 2B.R.	lows. 1B.R.
Frinton-on-Sea Walton-on-the-Naze Kirby Cross Lower Kirby	16 103 68 24	- 1 -	17 	21	- 8 2	- 2 6
Great Holland	22	grida	win	***	4	***
	233	1	17	21	14	8
		Flat			itting Flats	
Frinton-on-Sea		-				
Walton-on-the-Naze Kirby Cross		4	37	2	29 -	
Lower Kirby		-	_			
Great Holland		8	-		ere November	
		19	37	2	29	

Total Dwelling Units - 379.

Council dwelling units erected since 1946 - 285

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INADEQUATELY HOUSED FAMILIES

The provision in Walton-on-the-Naze of the new housing development already referred to, assisted to a useful extent in dealing with applicants on the Waiting Lists for Council tenancies, and it was possible to re-house, in new and existing dwellings, 124 applicants both young and old. In addition, 19 three-bedroom houses - vacated by the transfer of elderly tenants to smaller dwelling units - were released for occupation by applicants with families.

At the end of 1967, there were 97 applicants for Council small dwellings and 70 applicants for Council houses on the Waiting Lists, but both Lists were inflated to some extent by the inclusion of applicants not considered to be in desperate housing need.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following table sets out the number of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. All the premises are fitted in compliance with the Regulations.

Promissos	Mama ha an	Twanaatiana
Premises	Number.	Inspections.
Grocers and Provisions Merchants	31	81
Restaurants and Cafes	31	151
Hotels and Guest Houses	27	9
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	li	13
School Canteens	5	2
Workshop Canteens	ĺ	Same .
Clubs, etc.	11	3
Butchers	11	87
Bakeries and Cake Shops	12	49
Wet Fish Shops	5	16
Fried Fish Shops	3	19
Milk Shops	7	9
Food Hawkers	7	9 8
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14	8
Confectioners	17	21
Licensed Premises	15	27
Dairy	1	14
	219	518

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

The number of food premises registered with the Council under the Food and Drugs Act or the Essex County Council Act is as follows:-

Ice-Cream, sale	86
Shell-fish, preparation	2
Fried Fish Shops	4
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	23

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The bulk of butchers meat sold in the district is obtained from Wholesale Suppliers. Home-killed meat is inspected at the places of slaughter. Meat stored and exposed for sale at local Retailers premises, is inspected from time to time by the Council's Public Health Inspectors.

Diseased and unsound meat and other foods condemned for human consumption during the year, included 112 lbs. Meat, 25 lbs. Kidneys, 17 lbs. tinned Meat, 63 lbs. Fish, 45 lbs. Shellfish and 312 packets of Frozen Foods.

MILK SUPPLY

Local Dairy Farms and Dairy Companies outside of the Urban District, supply milk to the area. Handling and distribution arrangements by 15 registered Distributors of Milk, are considered to be satisfactory. Regular inspections are made of registered Dairy premises located in Frinton-on-Sea, the only dairy in the Urban District. Satisfactory laboratory reports were obtained on the bacteriological examination of washed milk bottles and containers used at the Dairy.

Evidence of the infection of Brucellosis was found by the Laboratory in milk produced locally early in 1967. The herd consisted of only four milch cows, and it was not difficult to isolate the suspected animal which was subsequently disposed of. A series of negative reports were later obtained on milk samples taken from remaining animals in the herd.

ICE-CREAM

There are no manufacturers in the District, but icecream is sold by 85 registered Vendors. Regular inspections are made of vendors premises and vehicles, and action is taken as found necessary.

BAKEHOUSES

Regular visits of inspection are made to the 5 registered bakehouses, the physical capacity of which is being cutgrown by expanding businesses. As reported previously, there is an increasing need for the provision, in less congested areas, of larger premises provided with ample room

for accommodating plant and all the miscellaneous equipment employed in modern bakery practice, as well as generous staff working space, to replace at least two existing bakeries in which congested conditions will inevitably lead to a lowering of the standard of food hygiene.

FOOD HYGIENE

No opportunity is lost, during inspections, in explaining to food handlers the necessity of maintaining a high standard of hygiene in catering establishments and all types of foodshops.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

There is no change to report in the work involved in the collection and removal of domestic and other refuse, which is undertaken by modern rear-loading vehicles. Daily collection rounds are under constant revision as considered necessary to increase efficiency, but the ever increasing volume of refuse put out for collection creates problems. Continuous loading vehicles, fitted with refuse crushing devices, are essential to increase payloads and reduce journeys to the Refuse Disposal Site, and it is the Council's policy to gradually replace older machines by this type of vehicle. One such vehicle is already in operation in the area.

Improved refuse storage arrangements at dwellings, and speedier loading into refuse vehicles, has resulted by the gradual expansion in the use of paper sacks in replacement of the conventional dustbin. Some 550 dwellings now employ paper sacks for refuse storage.

Trade refuse from business premises is removed regularly in arrangement with Managements, as are additional collections of refuse at catering premises and caravan sites during the summer months.

Income from all sources in respect of refuse collection, removal and disposal, amounted to £1,097.

By arrangement with householders, 73 loads of reject furniture, other bulky household rubbish and garden refuse were removed, and 9 abandoned or unwanted old motor cars removed for disposal.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The disposal of refuse by a combination of controlled tipping and some incineration was continued on some 10 acres of land situated in Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. The life of the land as a Disposal Site is now very limited, and the provision of additional suitable land for the purpose has become a matter of urgency. Strenuous efforts are being made to find and acquire other suitable land upon which the disposal of refuse can be continued.

STREET SCAVENGING

The cleansing of roads within the Urban District is carried out by Lacre Mechanical Sweeping Machine, and by hand sweeping, the more important roads being swept daily. Some 16 miles of roads are involved, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles of classified roads are cleansed by the Council in arrangement with the Essex County Council. Street gullies are cleansed regularly by mechanical means under contract.

WEATHER

Sunshine – 1853.7 hours
Rainfall – 20.80 inches.

FACTORIES

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Numb Inspec- tions (3)	er of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	12	3	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	62	32	4	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	3	4	1	
Totals:	87	48	8	-

Number of cases in which					Number of
	defects were found Referred				cases in which
Particulars	Found	Reme-	To H.M.		prosecu-
Tar vicurars	round	died	Inspec-	Inspec-	tions were
		u i eu	tor	tor	instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of	\				
Cleanliness (S.1.)	3	3		en.um	
Overcrowding	_	-	_	_	_
(S.2.)					
Unreasonable					
temperature	-	-	_	_	
(S.3.)					
Inadequate					
ventilation	-		-	-	-
(S.4.)					
Ineffective					
drainage of					
floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary					
Conveniences					
(S.7.)					
(a)					
Insufficient	-	-		-	-
(b)					
Unsuitable or	6	6		1	
Defective (c)	0	0	-	1	-
Not separate					
for sexes				-	
Other offen-					
ces against					
the Act (not					
including					
offences					
relating to	-	-	***	-	-
Outwork)					
Totals:	9	9	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

	Section 134			
Nature of work	Number of Outworkers in August list re- quired by Section 133 (1) (c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

